



## Paula Louise (Tozzi) Dunn

August 11, 1943 - December 29, 2019

Paula Louise (Tozzi) Dunn was born on August 11, 1943 in Quincy, Massachusetts as the only child to John Victor and Emma Rose (Ciardelli) Tozzi. At the age of seventy-six years, Paula passed away peacefully on December 29, 2019 at her home in Viburnum, Missouri, surrounded by family. After a long battle, she succumbed to the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.

Paula grew up in Quincy, Massachusetts and graduated with the Class of 1961 from Archbishop Williams High School. She furthered her education at Salve Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island, obtaining a double major in English and Mathematics. Paula met the love of her life, Robert Dunn Jr., during her college years while he was stationed in Newport as an officer in the Navy. Paula and Robert were united in marriage on July 11, 1965 in Quincy, Massachusetts and together shared fifty-four beautiful years of marriage and were blessed with three children: Robert Glenn, III, Scott Alan, and Travis Wade.

Paula took great pride in caring for her family. She worked as a substitute teacher for the Iron County C-4 Schools for many years. She thoroughly enjoyed her time spent with the students. Paula was a long-time and devoted member of St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church where she served in many capacities.

Paula enjoyed her time spent outdoors in her flower gardens. She loved to travel and play bridge. Paula had a very creative mind and enjoyed crafts. She always had a project going. When her children were young, she often made clothes and costumes. Later in her life, Paula was a passionate quilter. Spending time with her children and grandchildren was most important to her, often traveling to Germany and New England to see them.

Paula is survived by her loving and dedicated husband, Bob, who gave everything of himself as her primary caregiver during her illness. She is also survived by her three children: Robert Glenn Dunn, III and wife Julie of Avon, Connecticut, Scott Alan Dunn of Quincy, Massachusetts, and Travis Wade Dunn and wife Eva-Maria of Ilvesheim, Germany; five grandchildren: Logan and Chloe Dunn of Avon, Connecticut and Paul, Max, and Anne Marie Dunn of Ilvesheim, Germany; extended family and friends.

Preceding her in death, were her parents, John and Emma Tozzi.

Paula will be remembered for her persevering Boston accent, her smiling face and contagious laugh. She lit up the room and was a pleasure to be around. She was truly loved and will be deeply missed by all.

A Celebration of Life for Paula Louise (Tozzi) Dunn was held Thursday, January 2, 2020 in the Wilson Mortuary Viburnum Chapel. Memorial Mass was held Friday, January 3, 2020 at the St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church with Father Victor Anokwute officiating. All arrangements were under the care and direction of Wilson Mortuary of Viburnum, Missouri.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Viburnum  
548 Highway 49  
Viburnum, MO 65566  
(573) 244-5554  
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com>

## Service

JAN 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Memorial Mass

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church  
350 S. Main St.  
Viburnum, MO

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Bob, Bobby, Scott, & Travis, I'm still so saddened about Paula. She was my second Mama from 3rd grade until you all moved back to Viburnum. I probably spent 1/2 my time at the Dunn house growing up, especially between 6th & 9th grade, and during the winter of 77/78. She & Mom were Den Mothers for 3rd grade Cub Scouts. I loved her to death, and loved her Boston/Italian accent. May God bless all of you & bring peace to you. - Joe Harlan Stone & the entire Stone Family

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**Joe Harlan Stone** - January 11, 2020 at 08:17 AM

JL

“ It was a September day in 1957 in Sister Ellen Richard's home room when I first saw a smile that would melt the most frozen of hearts. And it belonged to Paula Tozzi. Friendly, outgoing, always ready to help and never a word of complaint or criticism is how I remember one of the loveliest of people it has ever been my good fortune to know. May her gentle soul rest in peace.

*John Leonard*

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**John P. Leonard** - January 10, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wilson Mortuary** - January 10, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ *Veronica Hambacler lit a candle in memory of Paula Louise (Tozzi) Dunn*



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**Veronica Hambacler** - January 02, 2020 at 05:13 PM

VH

“ Dear Bob, Bobbie, Travis, Scott and all of your families, I am so very sad to think of Paula as no longer active, laughing, delighted to see her friends and family as well as all of the fellow students of her sons. Please accept my deepest sympathies on your loss of her love, light, patience, goodness and beauty to our coarsening world. May your memories of Paula in her prime, at the peak of her truly "being Paula" bring you great rushes of sweet, soothing memories that lighten your pain of loss. She was a wonderful friend to me, and she was a very delightful and completely capable substitute for my junior high school classes when I could not be there - permitting me to do necessary and productive work for Missouri's public education system, educators and students of our state. It was a highlight of my life and a decided blessing to count Paula among my circle of sweet friends whose children I was privileged to work with in my English classes in Viburnum for more than 25 years. My thoughts will definitely be centered on you with deepest sadness about your loss of Paula. May your memory of her beautiful life serve as a soothing balm of her loss and a moment to feel the pride and appreciation of your nearness to her and your sharing of this life with her. All my condolences.

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**Veronica Hambacler** - January 02, 2020 at 05:12 PM

JS

“ Bob and family,  
We will treasure the memories of those moments that we enjoyed with Paula. Her beautiful smile and her vibrant strength will be missed.  
Love and prayers to you and your family.  
Jorge Sulca and family.

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**Jorge Sulca** - January 02, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DA

“ Bob and Family: David and are are so sorry for your loss. Even though we have been gone some time from the Viburnum community we have treasured the memories of the many faithful friends we had. I still have some of the plant starts Paula dug up for me when we came back for a visit and have transferred them from one place to the next. We are sorry we are unable to come and celebrate her life with you as we are headed to Florida for Christmas there. We will be praying for you and know she is in a much better place. Love and Prayers David and Debra Allen

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David Allen - December 31, 2019 at 11:46 AM

JT

“ Auntie Paula I'll never forget the day you intrusted me to fly you with my Ma!  
Blue Skies and Tailwinds!

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John Tubbert - December 31, 2019 at 11:05 AM

JB

“ Paula's smiling face will forever stay with anyone who knew her. She lit up the room and everyone had fun when Paula was around. Her laugh was contagious and she just made you feel happy to be around her. When we saw Paula late last summer we were saddened to see her condition but then in an instant was that beautiful smile and laugh.  
All the love she had for people was still there in that familiar laugh. I am so sad to know my old high school friend is gone but the fun and laughter we shared will be a lifetime memory; she was truly loved!  
God bless you Bob; you were a great life partner to our friend. You did such a great job!  
Love and prayers to you and your family  
Jean & Lou

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jean bianchi - December 31, 2019 at 10:03 AM

ST

“ *When I think of Paula I smile. So many fun times with that special lady. Mark and I are praying for your family. Her infectious laugh will never be forgotten.*

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**Starla Taylor** - December 30, 2019 at 10:40 PM